

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>21-22 Jan 55</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Hutchinson, Kansas</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP <u>Local 1635, 1715, 2000</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian &amp; Military</u>
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE <u>South to North</u>
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>20 minutes</u>	10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Bright white lights. One bright red light. Abreast formation. No sound, nor exhaust. At first appeared to be hovering then gained rapid speed. Daylight observation reported objects bright silver.	11. COMMENTS  Identified by 4602nd as project barber shop. (Balloon launching)

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## JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)

COMDR ATIC

TO:

COMDR 4602D AISS ENT AFB COLO

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INFO:

ATIAE-2-84E

DATE-TIME GROUP 021530Z FEB 55		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
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<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS		CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:		
IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION	

Reference sighting Hutchinson, Kansas, 21-22 January. Request definition and/or brief description of Project Barber Shop.

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## COORDINATION:

ATIAE W. E. Fensler DATE 2 Feb.  
W. E. Fensler

ATIA R. L. O'Hern DATE 2 Feb.  
Col. W. L. O'Hern

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required) <u>Capt. Hardin</u> Capt. Hardin/rc		RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <u>Al. Schmid</u>
SYMBOL ATIAE5	TELEPHONE 69216	OFFICIAL TITLE R. L. O'Hern Col. USAF

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CONTR ATIC 101 ATIC PATTERSON AFB OHIO

ISCP 117 PD 00 1000 ATIC 101 TWO DASH EIGHT FOUR DASH E PD SIGNING

ATONINSON CIV 000000 21 DASH 21 000 WAS IDENTIFIED AS BALLOON PD END

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C-1 PRIORITY [REDACTED] FROM COMDR 793 ACW SQ HUTCHINSON NAS KANS  
TO COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS

COMDR ATIC WPAFB IAW [REDACTED] GROUP 4  
DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH DC AFR 2031n Downgraded at 5 year  
intervals; declassified

CITE 0304 Current Message (4)(1) after 12 years

UFOB RPT UFOB. THIS IS THE DUPLICATE OF A NAVY REPORT. 1. LIGHTS.  
A. NEGATIVE. B. NICKEL. C. 4 WHITE, 1 RED. D. 5. E. STRING FORMATION  
400 YDS INTERVAL. F. CAA RPT CAA TOWER OPERATORS OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED  
TO BE AIRCRAFT POSITION LIGHTS. G. NEGATIVE. H. NEGATIVE. I.  
POSITION OF LIGHTS WERE AS FOLLOWS: ORIGINAL, 2 WHITE 1 RED AND  
2 WHITE, THEN CHANGING POSITIONS WITH RED TAKING LEAD THEN BEGAN  
MOVING VERY SLOWLY UNTIL PURSUED THEM VERY RAPID ACCELERATION.  
2. STRAIGHT LINE COURSE EVADING HUTCHINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. A.  
LIGHTS. B. ANGLE, 30 DEGREES AT 180 DEGREES  
AXIMUTH. C. ANGLE, 45 DEGREES AT 90 DEGREES AXIMUTH.  
D. APPEARED TO BE SUSPENDED SOUGH-EAST OF STATION FOR 10 MINS  
THEN ASSUMED STRING FORMATION TRAVELING STRAIGHT LINE COURSE EVADING  
HUTCHINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. E. BLENDDED WITH STARS. F. 20 MINS.

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3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: A. GROUND VISUAL AND AIR VISUAL. B. 7 BY 50 BAUSCH AND LAMB BINOCULARS. C. NAVY, P2V, 22447, 4333 FT, 093 DEGREES, 150 KNOTS, HUTCHINSON NAVAL AIR STATION. 4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: A. 223200Z. B. NIGHT. 5. HUTCHINSON NAVAL AIR STATION CONTROL TOWER AND CAA CONTROL TOWER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT HUTCHINSON.

6. IDENTIFYING I

INFO OF ALL OBSERVERS: A.

7. 7-17, CAA CONTROL TOWER OPR, [REDACTED] 607 WEST, ATU, RPT ATU 601, FLIGHT INSTR, HUTCHINSON NAS, VERY RELIABLE. [REDACTED] LT, ATU 601, FLIGHT INSTR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE. [REDACTED] LT, ATU 600, FLIGHT INSTR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE. [REDACTED] LT, ATU 600, FLIGHT INSTR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE. [REDACTED] ALC, CONTROL TOWER OPR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE. BRAUER, G R, AC1, CONTROL TOWER OPR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE. 7. WEATHER AND WINDS. A. CLEAR WITH 15 MILES VISABILITY. B. NEGATIVE. C. UNLIMITED. D. 15 MILES. E. NEGATIVE. F. NEGATIVE. G. NEGATIVE. 9. INTERCEPTION ATTEMPTED BY P2V AIRCRAFT, UNABLE CONTACT. 10. 2 AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC PATTERN. 11. SENIOR DIRECTOR, NEGATIVE BY REASON OF HEARSAY EVIDENCE. 12. NEGATIVE. NO RADAR CONTACT MADE AT ANYTIME WITH OBJECTS.

THIS SIGHTING MADE BY U S NAVY PERSONNEL AND REPORTED BY THEM TO LOWRY MILITARY FLIGHT SERVICE AND ARTC RPT ARTC  
22/1625Z JAN

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TO USAFSS LIAISON OFFICE WASH DC  
COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY  
COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO  
SSO ATIC WPAFB OHIO  
INFO COMMANDANT 8TH DISTRICT NAVAL  
COM US NAV AIR BASES OF 9TH NAV DISTRICT  
CH OF NAV AIR ADVANCED TRAINING COMMAND  
COM EASTERN SEA FRONTIER  
DIR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
FLY OB RPT. THIS ORIG NAV REPT AND AMPLIFYING REPT ON COMMANDER  
793 ACURON HUTCH 220700Z TO COMAIRDEFCOM ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS,  
COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTISON AFB, DIR INTEL HQTRS USAF,  
COMDR 33RD AIR DIV TINKER AFB, A. 4 BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT, 1 BRIGHT  
RED LIGHT WITH RED LIGHT IN EEN, TOTAL 5 LIGHTS APPEARED BRIGHTER  
AND LARGER THAN ANY LIGHTS IN THE AREA, UNDET SHAPE AND SIZE,  
LINE ABREAST FORMATION APPROX 3500 FT LOCATED 10 TO 15 MI SOUTH  
SOUTHWEST NAS HUTCH, INITIAL MOV NEGLIGIBLE APPEARED TO BE HOVERING,  
LATER COMMENCED NOV TOWARD NORTH IN COL FORMATION SLIGHT RIGHT  
ECHELON PAST NAS HUTCH 3 MI TO EAST AT MOD SPD ESTIMATE 120 KTS,  
ALT EST 4000 FT, CONT ON NORTHERLY HDG CLIMBING RAPIDLY AND OPENING  
DISTANCE AT RAPID RATE, LIGHTS BECAME INDISTINGUISHABLE, NO TRAIL OR  
EXHAUST OBSERVED AND NO SOUND HEARD BY GND OBSRS. B. INITIAL SIGHTING

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BY GND OBSRS 211635, 211715, 212300, 220230, ALL TIMES LOCAL.  
DAYLIGHT OBSRS RPT OBJTS BRIGHT SILVER AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF  
HIGHLY POLISHED SURFACES REFLECTING SUNRAYS ACFT OBSERVATION 212300  
TO 212015. C. INITIAL OBSERVATION GND AND ACFT VISUAL. TYPE ACFT  
P2V. ALTITUDE 2700 TO 4000 FT. SPD 150 KTS TO 185 KTS. NO ELECTRONIC  
EQUIPMENT CONTACT BY ACFT OR 793RD ACV RON. D. INITIAL OBSERVATION  
FROM NAS HUTCH. AIR OBSERVATION 5 MILES SOUTH NAS HUTCH TO 8 MILES  
NORTH CITY OF HUTCH. INITIAL LOCATION OBJECTS APPROX 15 MILES SOUTH  
SOUTHWEST. FINAL OBSERVATION DISAPPEARING TO NORTH AT HIGH ALT AND  
HIGH SPD. 220230 OBSERVATION FROM SOUTHEAST SECTION CITY HUTCH BY  
GND OBSR 4 LIGHTS HIGH ALT SLOW SPD. E. CIV JACK [REDACTED] CAA CONTROL  
TOWER OPERATOR, [REDACTED] CON TOWER OPR,  
[REDACTED] HARD KANSAS STATE INSTITUTE CR REFORM, RELIABILITY  
UNDETERMINED, MIL T [REDACTED] ASST TNG OFFICER [REDACTED]  
LT USN, FLT INSTR ATU 601, [REDACTED] LT USN, FLT INSTR ATU 601,  
[REDACTED] LT USN, FLT INSTR ATU 601, [REDACTED] USN,  
CON TOWER OPR HNAS, B [REDACTED] AC1, CON TOWER OPR HNAS,  
LT USN, ORDNANCE OFFICER HNAS, [REDACTED] JG USN, FLT INSTR ATU 601,  
[REDACTED] LT JG USN, STUDENT AVIATOR ATU 600. ALL MIL PERS VERY  
RELIABLE [REDACTED] WX, CAVU, WINDS WESTERLY NORTH WESTERLY 15 TO 35 KTS

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SURFACE AND 4000 FT, UPPER WINDS NOT AVAIL. G. METEOROLOGICAL DATA  
AND OTHER COND ACCTG FOR SIGHTING NONE. H. EXISTENCE PHYSICAL  
EVIDENCE SIGHTING NONE. I. P2V ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION 212005 UNABLE  
TO INTERCEPT. TRACKED ON HDG 010 DEG MAGNETIC APPROX 10 MINS.  
ELECTRONIC INTERCEPT BY 793 RD ACW RON UNSUCCESSFUL. J. 2 P2V IN  
NAS HUTCH TFC PATTERN AT TIME OF 212000 SIGHTING

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AT 0710Z ADV HOLD FOR PICK-UP

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FM FLT SVC CEN LOWRY AFB COLO

TO JEDEN/COMMANDER AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AIR FORCE BASE COLORADO  
SPRINGS COLORADO

JWFRD/ COMMANDER 34TH AIR DIVISION KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE  
ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO

JEDWP/COMMANDER IAR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON  
AIR FORCE BASE OHIO

JEPHQ/ DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC.

JWFKT/COMDR CMCONNELL AFB KANS

JEPHQ/SEC DEF. WASH. DC.

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UFOB (1) (A) UNKNOWN (B) UNKNOWN (C)

(D) UNKNOWN (E) FIVE (F)

TRAIL-~~500~~ YARDS APART (G) NONE (H) NONE (I) FOUR OBJECTS

DISPLAYED WHITE LIGHTS ONE DISPLAYED RED LIGHT (2) (A) OBSERVED

LIGHTS TO S.E. OF AIRDROME (B) THIRTY FIVE DEGREES ABOVE HORIZION

SOUTH OF AIRDROME (C) FIFTY DEGREES ABOVE 010 DEGREES AZMUTH

(D) PASSED DUE NORTH THEN BEERED TO NORTHEAST THEN TO THE NORTH

(E) DISAPEARED OUT OF SIGHT (F) APPROX 22 MINUTES (3) GROUND-

VISUAL AIR VISUAL (B) BINOCULARS TYPE 7X50 (C) P2V NAVY 22447

4200FT MSL 090 DEGREES 150 KNOTS NAVAL AIR STATION HUTCHINSON,

KANSAS (4) (A) 220300Z (B) DARK (5) FOUR PERSONS IN CONTROL TOWER

NAVAL AIR STATION HUTCHINSON, KANSAS, TWO PERSONS IN AIRCRAFT

FLYING OVER NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS (6) 1. ~~██████████~~ A1C

OPERATIONS DEPT NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR

2. ~~██████████~~ ACC OPNS. DEPT NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR 3. ~~██████████~~ LT. ATU 603 NAS

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR 4. ~~██████████~~ LT.

ATL 500 NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLT INSTR 5. ~~██████████~~

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CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR 3. [REDACTED] LT. ATU 600 NAS  
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR 4. [REDACTED] LT.  
ATU 600 NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLT INSTR. 5. [REDACTED]  
LT. ATU 601 NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLT INSTR. 6. [REDACTED] LT. COMDR.  
ATU 601 NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLT INSTR. (7) (A) CLEAR 15 MILES  
VISIBILITY (?) SURFACE N.W. 15 6000FT. 310/25 10,000 310/32  
16,000FT. 300/35 20,000FT. 290/30 30,000FT. 270/40 50,000FT.  
UNAVAILABLE 80,000FT. UNAVAILABLE  
(C) NONE (D) 15 MILES (E) NTNE (F) NONE (8) NONE (9) AIRCRAFT  
FLYING IN LOCAL AREA (NAVY P2V) GAVE CHASE BUT REPORTED UNABLE TO  
OVERTAKE OR IDENTIFY OBJECT (10) AIRCRAFT LISTED IN (9) ABOVE  
(11) OPERATIONS OFFICER ON DUTY LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE NO COMMENTS  
(12) NONE

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TO CONDR 4632D AISS ENT AFB COLO

TO CONDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

UNCLASSIFIED/AISOP 372 PD REF REPORTED SIGHTING AT HUTCHINSON KAN  
KANSAS 220300Z PD SIGHTING CONFIRMED BY 4632D AISS PERSONNEL AS  
BEING PROJECT BARBER SHOP PD END

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